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Dare County Park Now Open in Kitty Hawk

The Kitty Hawk park is now open for public use. The park features a playground, a covered picnic shelter, a half-mile walking trail, a 5000 square foot skate park, and a dog park. The park is situated on six acres and is located at 900 West Kitty Hawk Road in Kitty Hawk. Its hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to sunset.



The dog park requires all interested users to fill out a registration form and show a current rabies vaccination for each of the dogs that will use the park. Upon completion of the registration, owners will receive a tag for their dog and a code for the gate to the park. Dogs are not allowed in the park until registration has been completed. Forms can be found online at www.darenc.com or by visiting any Parks and Recreation office. However, registration forms are only accepted at the Northern Beach recreation office located at 602 Mustain Street in Kill Devil Hills at the Youth Center. Anyone wishing to use the park must be a Dare County resident or property owner.

There are no user fees associated with any part of the park. Dare County Residents or property owners wishing to reserve the picnic shelter must do so by visiting the Northern Beach recreation office and filling out a Facility Use Request Form. For more information on the new Kitty Hawk Park please call the Northern Beach Division office of Parks and Recreation at 475-5920.



The Government Channel (Channel 20) programming is now available online, 24 hours a day via live stream. Watch Town Council Meetings and all county programming by visiting www.darenc.com.

August 1st Council Meeting Highlights

At their meeting on August 1st, Council recognized Mike Eubank, the Town's Finance Officer for ten years of service. Mayor Clifton Perry presented Mike with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Council received a presentation from Kerry Morrow, Transportation Engineer, with NCDOT. The presentation gave an overview of the **Comprehensive Transportation Plan** (CTP) study that is beginning in August. The study will identify long-range multi-modal transportation needs for Dare County.



Public Hearings were scheduled for the September 6, council meeting to address the following items:

- 1. Proposal to broaden the use of costumed mascots and wavers for advertising. Specifically, to utilize costumed mascots/wavers on a year round basis with no limits on dates or time periods.
- 2. Proposal to allow "home occupations" as conditional used in the Kitty Hawk Woods zoning district.
- 3. Proposal to revise standards for motor vehicle dealerships in the Beach Commercial district. Specifically to change the minimum lot size requirement from six acres to 0.75 acres and allow secondary frontage on any type of street.
- 4. Application for conditional use permits to establish motor and electric vehicle dealerships in a Beach Commercial district at 6100 N. Croatan Highway.
- 5. Application for a conditional use permit to establish a shared parking arrangement between businesses in the Ocean Centre shopping center at 5230 N. Virginia Dare Trail.

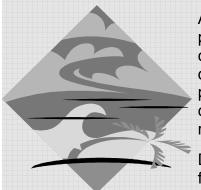
Based on a request from the Town's **Recreation Committee**, Council agreed to ask Dare County for permission to place a plaque at the new county park in Kitty Hawk in memory of Joey Monroe, a Kitty Hawk resident and former member of the Recreation Committee.

The **Manager's Report** included an update on the Sandy Run, phase II project. Bids for the project will be opened on August 9th and staff hopes to recommend the award of a contract at the September 6th Council meeting. In addition it was reported that the Storm Drainage Study continues and engineers are currently evaluating routing options and inlet structure locations for the six areas east of US 158. In addition cost estimates and funding options are being developed. Hydraulic testing of the Rabbit Hollow area is taking place and the project remains on schedule.

Mayor Pro Tem, Gary Perry discussed the E. Kitty Hawk Road Sidewalk and Beach Access and Councilwoman Klutz provided an update from the July 26 Recreation Committee Meeting.

August 11th Planning Board Meeting Has Been Cancelled.

After a Storm and the Road to Recovery



As soon as floodwater levels have dropped, it's time to start the recovery process. Potential problems include flooding, polluted water, limited communications, no electricity, blocked roads, septic/sewer failure, damage to structures, and severe erosion to shorelines. After a storm passes, powerful waves and ocean currents may persist for several days, causing additional flooding, coastal erosion, structural damage, and riptides.

During the aftermath of a flooding event, follow these steps to aid your family's safety: Before entering a building, check for structural damage. Make sure it is not in danger of collapsing. Turn off any outside gas lines

at the meter or tank, and let the house air for several minutes to remove foul odors or escaping gas. Avoid downed power lines and broken gas lines. Report them immediately to the electric or gas company, police or fire department. Upon entering the building, **DO NOT** use an open flame as a light source since gas may be trapped inside. A battery-operated flashlight is ideal. **DO NOT** handle live electrical equipment in wet areas. If appliances or electrical equipment have been in contact with water, have them checked before use. Use the telephone only for emergencies or to report dangerous conditions.

As soon as floodwater levels have dropped, it's time to start the recovery process. Here's what you can do to begin restoring your home.

- If your home has suffered damage, call your insurance agent to file a claim.
- Check for structural damage before re-entering your home to avoid being trapped in a building collapse.
- Take photos of any floodwater and damage in your home and save any damaged personal property.
- Make a list of damaged or lost items and include their purchase date and value with receipts, and place with the inventory you took prior to the flood/storm. Some damaged items may require disposal, so keep photographs of these items.
- Keep power off until an electrician has inspected your system for safety.
- Boil water for drinking and food preparation until authorities tell you that your water supply is safe.
- Prevent mold by removing wet contents immediately.

Wear gloves and boots to clean and disinfect. Wet items should be cleaned with a pine-oil cleanser and bleach, completely dried, and monitored for several days for any fungal growth and odors.

From FloodSmart.gov and Kitty Hawk Spring 2011 Flood Flyer

Calls for Emergency Service – July 2011

During the month of July 2011, there were 87 calls for emergency service. The breakdown is as follows:

| Alarm system sounded due to malfunction | 1 |
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| Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid | 10 |
| Dispatched and cancelled en route | 3 |
| False alarm or false call, other | 4 |
| Gas leak (natural gas or LPG) | 1 |
| Lightning strike (no fire) | 1 |
| Medical | 46 |
| Motor vehicle accident with injuries | 3 |
| Motor vehicle accident with no injuries | 10 |
| Passenger vehicle fire | 1 |
| Service calls | 2 |
| Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional | 2 |
| Vehicle accident, general cleanup | 1 |
| Watercraft rescue | 2 |
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Code Violations and Inspections Report

| CODE VIOLATIONS | | FIRE INSPECTIONS | | |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------------|----|-------------------------|
| Notice of Violations Issued | | Assembly | 3 | 14 Violations |
| Civil Citations Issued | | Business | 6 | 8 Violations |
| Land Disturbance Activity | 2 | Mercantile | 1 | 2 Violations Corrected |
| Public Nuisance | 5 | Educational | | |
| Abandon/Junk Vehicles | 3 | Residential | 3 | 0 Violations |
| Right of Way Encroachments | 2 | Industrial | | |
| Lighting Violations | | Manufacturing | | |
| Site Plan Violations | 3 | Hood System | | |
| No Building Permit | 1 | Storage | | |
| Home Occupations | | Sprinkler Systems | | |
| Signs | 15 | Tent | | |
| Noise Violations | | Re-inspections | | |
| TOTALS | 31 | First | 4 | 12 Violations Corrected |
| | | Second | | |
| CAMA PERMITS | | Third | | |
| Minor Permits | 1 | Totals | 17 | |
| Exemption Letters | 1 | | | |
| Beach Push Permits | | Pre-Plans | 13 | |
| CAMA Violations Issued | | | | |
| TOTALS | 2 | | | |
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| BANNER PERMITS | 1 | | | |
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| OUTDOOR GATHERING | 4 | | | |
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Community News





Free Public Field Trips

Come learn about North Carolina estuaries and the N.C. Coastal Reserve program during three free field trips designed to help families explore the different habitats of estuaries.

KAYAK TRIP

N.C. Coastal Reserve staff will lead two kayak tours through the maritime forest of the Kitty hawk Woods Reserve. All gear is provided by the Coastal Kayak Touring Company and two-person kayaks are available. Note: children must be over 30 pounds and accompanied by an adult. The trips take place in the Kitty Hawk area and will last about 2.5 hours

Thursday, August 11 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

NATURE WALK

Come join the N.C. Coastal Reserve staff for an evening walk along the Currituck Banks boardwalk. Families will learn about the Reserve system and the plants and animals found in N.C. estuaries. The trip leaves from Corolla, N.C.

Thursday, August 11 4:30—5:30 p.m.

ESTUARY EXPLORATION

Come explore the plants and animals of Kitty Hawk bay with the NC. Costal Reserve staff. The trip takes place in the Kitty Hawk area.

Friday, August 12 9-11 a.m.

Space is limited!

To register contact Caitlin Hamer at (252) 838-0887 or caitlin.hamer@ncdenr.ogv

Kitty Hawk Fire Department is Recruiting Volunteers Incentives Available Call 252-261-2666 for more information.



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